Hidden India @ 2020



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"*What do you think about India in year 2020?*" After reading the book named "India 2020" by Mr. A P J Abdul Kalam this question is obvious to come in mind. I think Mr. A P J Abdul Kalam has only shown one side of the hidden asperities .the emphasis is given simply on the IT sector. But simply on the basis of IT sector, we cannot project India as a developed nation? As a matter of habit India has always made comparison with China but indeed Chinese are not only are striving on IT sector but also trying to have a presence in the development of all sectors.

Where do the common people stand when Indian Sensex might have crossed 20,000, Indian rupee might have gone strong, Mukesh Ambani might have earned 2 lakh crores in 5 days!! Indian economy is growing at the rate of 9% even then common man is suffering. Will India ever be able to maintain trains, buses regular & on time, corruption free & clean roads by 2020? India has its own policies for corruption, politics, harassment of the common man in the name of development (SEZs), diseases; prostitution, violence, & Casteism.

Mr. Kalam recommends the youth to dream big but what's the use of dreaming when the vision mission aims and guidance are not available. ***Nelson Mandela*** *"Vision without action is dream, action without vision is time-pass and vision and action makes radical change i.e. revolution."*

Can India be a developed nation If 85% people are devoid of their basic facilities. Is India really shining?

Glaring facts:

SEZs & Farmers

India occupies 12th place in world with $24,330,000,000 spending on military yearly; and also amongst the top 10 countries with highest defense budget ($24,100,000,000 in 2006). Indian army is 3rd largest in world (25 lakh armed force).as quoted by **Martin Luther King, Jr.** *"**A nation that continues year after year to spend more money on military defense than on programs of social uplift is approaching spiritual death.**"* India is following the same trend! If India, would have invested this amount on education or medical, then the condition of 77% people having a daily income of Rs 20 per day would have been different politicians are least bothered about the declining standards of the rural masses.. People whose only source of income is cultivation are left with the only option to suicide. In the year 2007 *Vidarbha district of Maharashtra, there were 1211 suicide cases by farmers & 9 suicides within 1st 2 days of 2008!! "1.5 lakh farmers committed suicide between 1997 and 2005. In Maharashtra, 25 in 1000 farmers commit suicide."*

In India 5 people die every minute, every day 7000 people die, 25, 00,000 Indian die every year from hunger. When Million tons of grain India dump every year in sea or million tons is got spoiled by rodents in stores!! Governments should indeed distribute this amongst the poor and needy masses rather than allowing rodents and other insects to have a share.

Children Violence

Children are the future of nation. But India is east interested in protecting and giving rights to their children which constitute one third of the total population (about 400 million).

The 1989 UN Charter, to which India is a signatory, guarantees **every child the following rights**

- Right to Survival - To life, health, nutrition, name, nationality
- Right to Protection - From exploitation, abuse, neglect
- Right to Development - To education, care, leisure, recreation, cultural activities
- Right to Participation - To expression, information, thought, religion

Problem of child labor continues despite of "Child Labor Act(s)".

India has highest number of vitamin – A children in world, about 330,000 children die yearly because lack of vitamin – A. About 75% below 3 months are suffering from anemic. While one in every five adolescent boys is malnourished, one in every two girls in India is undernourished.

See the glaring facts

- In India, only 53% of habitation has a primary school.
- In India, only 20% of habitation has a secondary school.
- On an average an upper primary school is 3 km away in 22% of areas under habitations.
- In nearly 60% of schools, there are less than two teachers to teach Classes I to V.
- On an average, there are less than three teachers per primary school. They have to manage classes from I to V every day.
- High cost of private education and need to work to support their families and little interest in studies are the reasons given by 3 in every four drop-outs as the reason they leave.
- Dropout rates increase alarmingly in class III to V, its 50% for boys, 58% for girls.
- 1 in 40, primary school in India is conducted in open spaces or tents.
- In Andhra Pradesh (South India), 52 upper primary schools were operating without a building in 2002, while in 1993, there were none?
- In Maharashtra (West India), there were 10 schools operating without a building in 1993, this has climbed to 33 in 2002.
- More than 50 per cent of girls fail to enroll in school; those that do are likely to drop out by the age of 12.
- 50% of Indian children aged 6-18 do not go to school

Source: 7th All India Education Survey, 2002

Child marriage is also one worst factor for India's empowerment! About 1.6 child marriages take place in India; a shocking statistic is that there are over 1.7 lakh divorces that take place among couples who are yet to reach the official marriageable age in the country. Child buying & child marriage is much common Rajasthan than other parts of India. According to 2001 census there about 18.3 lakh child marriage cases recorded.

Mentally/physically challenged children

- 3% of India's children are mentally/physically challenged.
- 20 out of every 1000 rural children are mentally/physically challenged, compared to 16 out of every 1000 urban children.
- Mentally/physically challenged girls are at a particular risk to violence and abuse.

Children can be seen working in industry, at tea stalls, stores, shops, messes. Children who are supposed to go to School, colleges are made to work *(40% children don't attend schools & 15 million children are bounded laborers) it's the whole and sole responsibility of the government to* educate them for India to become a developed nation?

Only 4% of the students go to professional colleges in Punjab –the number one state predicted by India Today in three consecutive years. Indians should fight on the issue related to the quality education, how to reduce the stress level on students (school bags of even nursery kids are more heavier than their own weights!!), how to reduce the dropout of students from schools, how to provide teachers in 60% schools those don't have proper teaching staff, won't even think how to construct buildings for primary schools in which students study under mango trees!!

Education System

As quoted *"Only educated ones are free"*. By the year 2020 education will be the only for the rich people as Fees for almost all the course are at the peak, devoiding the poor people to be miles away from their reach. According to the news in "Indian Express" & "The Hindu" newspapers a medical student from Andhra Pradesh's Govt. College dropped out due to inability to pay the fees and ended up working in fields.

As per India Today (Feb 18^{th} 2008) the UPA Government's ministers are spending cool time abroad spending millions of rupee. which indeed when rightly used can be given as scholarship or funds for the education of the poor students *"Commerce and Industry Minister Kamal Nath spent 424 days on 72 trips outside the country, of which 27 days were spent on six personal visits. A cool 14 months spent outside India."* These leaders will run (operate) India from USA's beaches in near future!!

India was never a free country for poor SC/ST or other minority community people. Earlier they were under King/Queens, then under British & now under upper caste leaders & this sequence will continue uptill 2020.

There is no use of granting the scholarships as these scholarships are not sanctioned on time making the students to go frustrated. Also very few students are aware of the scholarships. The Government is least interested on giving emphasis to spread about the various scholarship schemes for the EBC class people. Some due actions should be taken against these in order to make India a developed nation till 2020.

A recent survey, published on the Republic Day in a national newspaper, was equally revealing. The survey, had two teenage school students of Delhi, thinking Indira Gandhi was the first woman President of India, while another thought it was Sheila Dikshit and a B Tech student asserted it was Sarojini Naidu. This is considering that the question was not even historical in nature. It was about the present. When it came to history too they hardly did better. The B tech student when asked what was the significance of Republic Day, replied, "Long back something political happened on this day"!

India has highest child mortality rate in world – reports of UNICEF,. Education & Medical are main things that should be given preference. A huge amount of Rs35, 000 crores (approx.) rupee is collected in the form of donation in the Hindu temples. No one is aware of the utilization of t his money. Dr B R Ambedkar has also pointed this in the manifesto for his "INDEPENDENT LABOUR PARTY" that at least 10% of the income of temples should be collected & should be spend on the EDUCATION & on HEALTH. Does India need temples rather than schools and colleges??

Medical Facilities

Medicines are not available in dispensaries, basic tools/instruments or basic facilities are not available in the hospitals but Govts. are forcing doctors to go in rural areas, is it right to do so? Recently amongst 177 countries, India occupies 126th position in Human Development Index. There is a need to built new hospitals with hi-tech facilities for society.

58% of India's children below the age of 2 years are not fully vaccinated. And 24% of these children do not receive any form of vaccination. 95 in every 1000 children born in India do not see their fifth birthday. 70 in every 1000 children born in India do not see their first birthday.

India has only 650,000 physicians, i.e. 0.6 per 1000 people. In USA this ratio is 2.56 per 1000.. Much more troubling is only India has largest number of patients with tuberculosis, malaria, HIV/AIDS, leprosy & many other diseases. India lags far behind the Western world in average life expectancy and has much higher infant mortality rates. So, there is a high demand for

healthcare professionals in India. How India will fill this gap when doctors from India are leaving abroad?

The common man is left with no other option to sell their own organs for survival. A day is not far away when poor people will be seen selling their organs (kidney, lungs etc) at footpath!! It seems India governments will take only then some necessary actions.

Police & Print Media

What one can expect from law? Even police is involved the trading of human organs, these protectors are becoming predators. Every year about 70, 000 cases registered against police itself; 63% of these cases closed without hearing. Few days back (16th Feb 2008) there was news of rape of 12 year girl by police in UP, another news was rape of 4 year old girl. Even Indian military is not behind raping innocent girls in Kashmir!!

14 million cases are still pending in the Indian courts! (Source- Times of India, March 21st, 2002).

Two million women are raped each year. (Source- Book named CASTEISM- the Eighth Worst Wonder by Dr. S L Virdi).

According to Nellore (Andhra Pradesh) District Crime Record Bureau’s comparative statement for the last 3 years, grave crime on women including rape, murder, kidnap & harassment increased while the cases of molestation & bigamy remained more or less the same. Kidnapping of women & girls has been steadily increased from 25 in 2005 to 35 in 2006 & 47 last year (2007). Cases of harassment have also increased from 128, 148 & 168 in the respective years. Total numbers of rape cases in 2005 were 32; those become 33 in 2006 & increased further to 42 in 2007. Molestation cases increased 166 in 2006 to 167 in 2007. Conviction rate is as low as about 25%.

- *Separate kitchens for Yadavs, Rajputs, Bhumihars, Brahmins and Harijans at police stations of Patna* - (IBN report, 5th Feb, 2007), this news shows caste still matters even in the police stations

Almost all the jails in UP, Bihar jails are filled with poor SC/ST or minority community people (Muslims

Coming to the role of print or electronic media, also all newspapers & news channels have made this business. They are least interested in projecting the true picture of the society. When the news channels can peep into anyone personal life, why they keep quite over caste atrocities? Electronic & print media need to play a important role if India want any change.

In Dr B R Ambedkar’s words *"In my opinion, this is the appropriate time, to describe the present condition of Indian Journalism, Once; the Journalism was a profession in India. Now it has*

become a business. There is nothing moral in that, than producing soap. Journalism does not consider itself a responsible advisor of people. In India the first of ail and most important is that, Journalism should consider it obligatory to publish only such news which are true, also criticize Government policies from angle of the larger interest of people, without any fear, it must criticize and correct those, who are trading wrong path, whether they are big or small men. But to make somebody hero and worship him, has become the main role of journalism. Under such circumstances, the news has been replaced by sensations; logical ideas have been replaced by unwarranted anxieties. Instead of touching the hearts of responsible citizens, it is now instigating the irresponsible people"

<u>Casteism</u>

Caste atrocities are increasing day by day & India is silent, but the day this will burst from the hearts of Dalits that will lead to their freedom. Casteism will remain another problem in 2020 also. Caste always matters even after globalization is taking place. Even highly educated people from SC/ST categories suffer caste discrimination in the hands of upper caste people.

Latest official police reports on average over last 5 years shows that (many crimes remain unnoticed as a fear of dominant castes or of police) daily almost 27 officially registered atrocities are being committed against Dalits, see reports below:-

- 13 Dalits are murdered every week,
- 5 Dalits home or possessions are burnt every week,
- 6 Dalits are kidnapped or abducted every week,
- 3 Dalit women are raped every day,
- 11 Dalits are beaten every day and
- A crime is committed against a Dalit every 18 minute.

Also one recent study of untouchabilty in rural India covering 565 villages in 11 states found that

- Public health workers refused to visit Dalit homes in 33% of villages,
- Dalits were prevented from entering police station in 27.6% of villages,
- Dalit children had to sit separately while eating in 37.8% of Govt. schools,
- Dalits didn’t get mail delivered to their homes in 23.5% of villages &
- Dalits were denied access to water sources in 48.4% of villages because of segregation & untouchabilty practices.
- The conviction rate under SC/ST Prevention of Atrocities Act is 15.71% and pendency is as high as 85.37%. This when the Act has strict provisions aimed as a deterrent. By contrast, conviction rate under IPC is over 40%.

Till we don’t improve all these we are not going to be a developed nation. Government should give opportunities to all these deprived people (SC/ST)? If no equal opportunity is given like to other upper caste people only 15% will grow & rest will be remained as undeveloped. Only 15% people well settled or growing can never be considered as overall development of the country, or can we?

In the words of Dr B R Ambedkar - *"Poverty gives rise to sorrow. But removal of poverty does not necessarily give rise to happiness. Not high standard of living but a standard of culture is what gives happiness. Not just high standard of living, but a high standard of culture, is what gives happiness to a Buddhist.”*, not only removing poverty going to solve the purpose , we need to give poor a well culture. Only high standard of culture will lead to the emancipation of poor forever.

. A study conducted by American and Indian scholars’ shows that there is a caste bias in the country's private sector with companies preferring to recruit upper-caste candidates even if they are less qualified. For every 100 upper-caste candidates who received calls for interviews, only 67 Dalit and 33 Muslim candidates were called with same qualifications. Upper-caste candidates who were not well qualified got better responses than Dalit applicants with higher degrees. Candidates who may not be good but who come from influential families, get their jobs using contacts and networks. Where is Merit?

Stunning Sachar report, how Muslims are faring in various states was released last year; blew the lid off the Governments those claim their policies are pro Muslim. Reports clearly showed how poor representation of Muslims is there in almost all the Government jobs or in other decision making policies. *Muslim constitute almost 25% population of West Bengal but have only 2% in Government jobs!! In Kerala Muslim constitutes 24.7% of total population but in jobs their stake is only 10.4%. Assam ratio is 31% & 11.2% respectively, Bihar: 16.5% & 7.6%. Uttar Pradesh 18.5% & 5.1%. The upper echelons of party & Government always remain reserved for Hindus!!*

There will be always a question mark over this question also *“whether Dalits will ever live with dignity & without Casteism?”*

Women Society

Other main problem is the sex ratio, according to the 2001 Census , sex ratio in 0-6 age group at around 927 females to 1,000 males, which means around seven-eight per cent of females are being selectively aborted. The situation is worse in Punjab, Haryana, Gujarat, Rajasthan, and Delhi where the sex ratio has reached mere 860 females per 1,000 males in 0-6 age group.

About 10 million girls are “missing” in India. Being denied the right to life, millions die before they are even born. Of those that are born, 1 million don’t see their 1st birthday. Even those that survive are deprived of basic nourishment, education & protection.

States with worst child ratio (girls per 1,000 boys) (Source: Office of Registrar General)

	2001	**2003**
Punjab	793	776
Himachal Pradesh	897	803
Haryana	820	807
Uttar Pradesh	916	853
Rajasthan	909	855
Bihar	938	861
Gujarat	878	862

If we go deep in women society, i.e. if we analyze the condition of Dalit & Muslim women, we will find easily that they are worst affected. When all upper caste student in schools, one finds Dalit, Muslim students working in the fields or playing on the roads. No sign of education can be found in these classes, in-spite of life long program run by all the state Governments i.e. *"Sarav Shiksha Abhiyan."* The whole money of "Sarav Shiksha Abhiyan" is being wasted by the Governments.

Governments spends this money on organizing the party functions or in "Puja" & the criteria of being considered as educated is "person should be eligible the write his/her name"!! No more than this has ever being taught considering that if everyone will become educated they will demand their rights & jobs etc, for which almost every Govt. seems shamefully helpless. Do you think it's enough that person who can write only name is educated?

Women in India was always invisible & will remain if not taken necessary actions, presently women can be treated lesser than animal no one is going to stop you!! Every day one can see easily the increasing news of domestic violence, dowry deaths, female feticide etc. the condition of women society has made so miserable by Hindu scriptures *(Chanakya Niti, Manusmriti)* & Veda's that they can't even imagine that there can be better place of living for them. The dominant men society believe that they can have good lives only by *"Oppressing and Exploiting the Women"* for their own personal and communities welfare, leisure, comfortable lives, and for avoiding physical work.

Other glaring facts about women society:-

- 1 out of every 6 girls does not live to see her 15th birthday.
- Of the 12 million girls born in India, 1 million do not see their first birthday.

- Of the 12 million girls born in India, 3 million do not see their fifteenth birthday, and a million of them are unable to survive even their first birthday.
- One-third of these deaths take place at birth.
- Every sixth girl child's death is due to gender discrimination.
- Females are victimized far more than males during childhood.
- 1 out of every 10 women reported some kind of child sexual abuse during childhood, chiefly by known persons.
- 1 out of 4 girls is sexually abused before the age of 4.
- 19% are abused between the ages of 4 and 8.
- 28% are abused between the ages of 8 and 12.
- 35% are abused between the ages of 12 and 16.
- 3 lakh more girls than boys die every year
- Female mortality exceeds male mortality in 224 out of 402 districts in India.
- Death rate among girls below the age of 4 years is higher than that of boys. Even if she escapes infanticide or feticide, a girl child is less likely to receive immunization, nutrition or medical treatment compared to a male child.
- 53% of girls in the age group of 5 to 9 years are illiterate.
- Every year 27, 06,000 children under 5 years die in India. And the deaths of girl children are higher than those of male children.

A survey showed that the female fetus abortion rate is twice as high among educated mothers compared with those who are illiterate. Poverty and social pressure are said to be responsible for the problem. Main among these two is the SOCIAL PRESSURE, the fear that they would be thrown out of home, made women to abort female children.

It seems Indian society have forgotten the words of Dr B R Ambedkar *"I measure the progress of a community by the degree of progress which women have achieved."* Women play an important role in human life, she is mother, sister, and wife etc plays almost all roles. But it's shameful that women who give life to all men society don't respect.

Prostitution

If this trend of female child killing, sexual abuse of women society keeps on going the day won't be far away when people won't be able to find girls to marry for their sons. There will be more prostitution leading to AIDS, social instability & violence against women.

India leads in AIDS patients' and the largest number of prostitutes,

- There are approximately 2 million child commercial sex workers between the age of 5 and 15 years and about 3.3 million between 15 and 18 years.
- They form 40% of the total population of commercial sex workers in India.
- 80% of these are found in the 5 metros.

- 71% of them are illiterate.
- 500,000 children are forced into this trade every year.

Will India be able to tackle these problems by 2020? What steps will be India taking to tackle this problem of prostitution? Another survey recently done by AIDS control society showed about 24% of Pune & 18% of Bangalore AIDS patients are lesbian or gay!! Nudity on T.V. channels is selling like hot cakes!! One more thing the devadasis those were working (or are still working) in temples needed to be looked after.

Educated - Unemployed

When one will ask any child's parents what they want their children in future, the answer is as simple as one can imagine "doctor", "engineer" or few will say "businessman" (mostly those who have family business). No-one want that their child would be an "honest political leader" Politics is not a dirty game but played by dirty people. ***When we only don't want our children to go in politics then we also don't have right to speak that Indian political leaders are corrupt, or do we have?*** *Education can lead the emancipation from all disorders is it really true?*

Before independence Dalits were not allowed to study, what changes came in their lives after studying? Education level might have increased but has prosperity increased at same extent? They still suffer in the hands of upper caste people in every region.

Latest India Labour Report by recruitment agency "Team Lease Services" has forecast that 30 per cent of the country's 716 million-strong workforce in the year 2020 will be without work.

This can trigger social security problems as the bulk of the unemployed - 85 to 90 per cent - will be in the age group of 15-29. The quality of those employed in the future is not very encouraging as only 88 million will be graduates, while another 76 million will have passed their senior secondary level.

The bulging population and the expanding workforce will require about 15 million new jobs every year, against the 10 million new jobs being projected by the government.

Cyber Crime

India has to face another face of crime also in 2020, i.e. cyber crime. As IT is becoming a part of daily life. Cyber crime will increase side by side. Many money transactions take place daily. Cyber criminals are on the prowl, trying to intercept personal information of the user for personal gain if the system is not well protected.

A report by Deloitte and the International Association of Airline Internal Auditors shows that airline frauds cost the global aviation industry over $600 million a year. The report showed that

the credit card fraud loss was really huge and more than one-third of the airlines were affected by it, accounting for close to 60 per cent of all external fraud-related losses. "The credit card fraud alone is costing airlines an average of $1 million a year," the report said.

153 cases were registered under IPC sections in Gujarat in 2005; Madhya Pradesh registered the largest number of cyber crimes (131) in 2006 followed by Andhra Pradesh (116). More & more educated-unemployed will involve themselves in such crimes for password theft & then transferring money in particular account number.

Pollution

There is an alarming condition in many developing countries over pollution control till 2020. About 15000-20000 deaths occur per day worldwide due to pollution. In India about 2 million people die every year because of pollution. Upto 2020 these deaths will become double if air, water, noise & other forms of pollution if not controlled. Almost all the rivers in India are being polluted to such an extent that many deaths are caused by drinking water. Many Hindu festivals are celebrated on the banks of "Ganga" river as Hindus consider this river "Holy", now the water holy river is cause of many deaths in India. Today one has to buy the drinking water which is becoming expensive daily.

According to the World Health Organization, the capital city of New Delhi is one of the top ten most polluted cities in the world. Surveys indicate that in New Delhi the incidence of respiratory diseases due to air pollution is about 12 times the national average.

According to another study, while India's GDP has increased 2.5 times over the past two decades; vehicular pollution has increased eight times, while pollution from industries has quadrupled. Sources of air pollution, India's most severe environmental problem, come in several forms, including vehicular emissions and untreated industrial smoke. Apart from rapid industrialization, urbanization has resulted in the emergence of industrial centers without a corresponding growth in civic amenities and pollution control mechanisms. Power producer NTPC occupies the third position worldwide in terms of carbon dioxide emission by firms. Within India, 17 of the 20 biggest polluters happen to be public sector enterprises, including NTPC, according to a list culled out from Carbon Monitoring for Action (CARMA), a US-based database. Coal, petrol, diesel etc fuels will soon be ending so India has to make new strategies now to fight with these problems, new cheaper methods of producing energy have to be introduced, like using sun energy, wind energy, tidal energy, nuclear energy (in peaceful manner). But India doesn't seem to be interested in this renewable & effective way of producing energy.

Traffic, road accidents & safety

True that American's kiss on the road & Indian piss on the road? We are never bothered to take the responsibility of keeping our own country safe and clean, as for e.g. we never seem to be bothered about cleaning our own roads which are indeed made for us and by our own money . But we never think twice before pissing. Same people when go to European or any other country never dare to spoil roads like those in India, why so? Indians are building roads, bridges at such a slow pace that soon it won't able to match the required roads for the vehicles on roads. And as a fact that even today about 10 people die per one lakh population. A tentative data, covering the majority of States and Union Territories, states the number of deaths due to road accident is estimated to be more than one lakh (1, 01,439) during the year 2006 as compared to the figure of 94,968 deaths for the year 2005.

"EMRI (Emergency Management and Research Institute), an emergency help service promoted by Satyam Computer Services, has said that burden of injuries is going to be a major national problem by 2015 if left unattended. Quoting surveys and studies, an EMRI advisory said the number of deaths due to injuries could increase to 11 lakh by 2010 and further go up to 12 lakh by 2015.

The number of deaths due to road accidents at present has reached an alarming level of 90,000 out of three-lakh road accidents ever year. Compare this against the total death toll of 12 lakh all over the world. India is home to just one per cent of the world's vehicle population, yet the number has reached that high, an EMRI report said."

We need to design such roads which will ensure safety on roads, more rigid road safety laws have to implement, more training & awareness to heavy vehicles driving people, but are governments taking pains to ensure this?

Till the villages of India are not developed, India can never be a developed nation. India is on the way to lose its culture; there will be no joint families, no natural food, all Indian cities will be overcrowded if population explosion is not controlled. Will India be able to electrify all the houses by 2020? About 50% houses don't get proper electricity presently) There will be no law & order if police, dirty politicians, bribe giving & taking is common phenomenon in India, manual scavenging is another problem. Where will be the national animal in 2020, (latest reports showed only 1411 tigers are left in India)!! Hockey national game will be in museums only!! (India couldn't qualify for Olympics' this year, a team who has won 8 Gold medals!!!). It was bound to happen as we Indian are giving preference to Cinema or only Cricket. There is no way any space for other activities. Recently Ilavazhagi, the 23-year-old daughter of an auto rickshaw driver from Chennai, has returned triumphant after winning the World Carom Championship held at the Palais des Festivals, Cannes. How many acknowledged her?? Not even casteist media gave any preference.

These are mere few facts where India is still lagging even after acquiring missiles, nuclear weapons, even thou it ranks amongst top 20 rich countries and producing billionaires.

Wake up till it's too late.

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